

the downstream side of the coating bar, the liquid from within the grooves is released to spread over the neighboring areas of the presently wet surface. This produces a uniform thickness of coating over the full surface of the body layer.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 11-28 without prejudice.

Amend claims 1,7 and 9 as follows:

Claim 1. (Amended) A composite comprising at least one body layer having a roughly textured face and a cover layer of a solid of a cured liquid cast on the roughly textured face, in which the cover layer has a substantially uniform thickness and is permanently embedded into the body layer to a depth less than the thickness.

Claim 7. (Amended) The composite of claim 6 in which the thickness of the cover layer has a variation of at most 1 mm.

Claim 9. (Amended) The composite of claim 1 which comprises a second web of a nonwoven, net or scrim fabric on the roughly textured face of the body layer and in which the second web is embedded in the cover layer.

[Add the following new claims 30-35]

-- 30. The composite of claim 1 which consists of a body layer consisting essentially of glass fibers, defining a face of the body layer and a cover layer embedded into the face of the body layer, the cover layer consisting of a solid substance having a thickness, in which the thickness is substantially uniform and the cover layer penetrates into the body layer to a distance of less than the thickness of the cover layer.

31. The composite of claim 30 which further comprises a web of a nonwoven, net or scrim fabric embedded in the cover layer.

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32. The composite of claim 31 which further comprises an outer layer on a face of the body layer opposite to the cover layer, the outer layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of metal foil, organic film, paper and a mixture thereof.

33. The composite of claim 30 in which the thickness of the cover layer at any location on the composite differs from the thickness of the cover layer at all other locations on the composite by at most about 1 mm.

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34. The composite of claim 30 which further comprises an outer layer on a face of the body layer opposite to the cover layer, the outer layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of metal foil, organic film, paper and a mixture thereof.

35. The composite of claim 30 which is flexible. --

REMARKS

Prior to amendment, claims 1-29 are in the application. Applicants hereby affirm the provisional election as required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to claims 1-10 and 29. Accordingly, claims 11-28 which were withdrawn from consideration have been canceled.

The amendment to claim 1 is supported on page 7 at lines 3-7. Claim 7 has been amended for greater clarity. Basis for the amendment to claim 9 is found on page 8, lines 2-11. The paragraph inserted into the specification on page 6 incorporates the subject matter of claims 6 and 7.

New claims 30, 32 and 33 are based on the disclosure throughout the application and especially on claims 1, 3, 7 and 9. New claims 31 and 34 are based upon the disclosure at page 8, lines 16-22. New claim 35 is supported by disclosures throughout